

King's life celebrated at local high school

Memorial committee host celebration

Austin Enns
coverage editor

More than 40 people gathered to celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in the auditorium at Manhattan High School East Campus on Saturday night. Several pastors, musicians, a drama team and a speaker from the University of Kansas all remembered Dr. King in their own way.

The evening started with the crowd singing the national black anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing." Rev. Lewis Smith of the First Free Methodist Church then gave an invocation as a prelude to the main program.

"Help us as children of God to be more tolerant with each other Father, so that we as a nation, and as a community, grow more in your likeness," Smith said.

Two musicians took the stage after the invocation and entertained the crowd with a piano and a soprano saxophone.

Jim Spencer, assistant minister at Pilgrim Baptist Church and organizer of the celebration as part of the 2011 Manhattan Martin Luther King Memorial Committee, said that the two musicians, Andy Bell and Rod Manges, were last minute additions when the group originally scheduled to perform backed out.

"As for tonight, there are a lot of people who couldn't make it, but if you do it in advance you can have a lot of standby people," Spencer said.

Spencer said the committee started planning the celebration, in May or June, but that they work throughout the year.

Rev. Larry Fry of the College Avenue United Methodist Church led a responsive reading of the "I Have a Dream" speech as a way to relate Dr. King's message of equality and faith in future generations.

"It's not word for word, but the spirit of Dr. King has lived through the wording," Fry said.

Kevin Willmott, a professor at KU, spoke as the next part of the service. He told the crowd about his experiences growing up in Junction City and his success as a movie producer, as well as advice

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HOPEFUL

Brownback discusses four goals in address

Reaction from politicians is mixed

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coverage editor

Republican Governor Sam Brownback gave his first annual State of the State Address in the crowded House Chamber of the State Capitol Building on Wednesday night. After entering the Chamber and greeting various legislators and the Supreme Court, who were seated to the left of the podium, Brownback launched right into his address.

"I understand that my predecessor gave this speech last year without notes. Well, not only am I using notes, I'm using a teleprompter," Brownback said. "But, I've got good things to say, so I want to make sure I get it right."

Brownback organized his speech into four main areas, growing the Kansas economy, excelling in education, reforming state government and protecting Kansas families.

One of the major ideas announced in his speech was a plan to provide a three-year University Economic Growth initiative that will provide \$105 million to universities in specific areas such as aviation, cancer research, animal health and engineering.

"Educating children is to the state government as national defense is to the federal government; it is the state's primary function and the lion's



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Sam Brownback, Governor of Kansas, waves to Kansas representatives and senators as he takes the podium to give his annual State of the State address on Wednesday Jan. 12.

share of the state's budget, and that is as it should be," Brownback said.

Several legislators expressed uncertainty about how the University Economic Growth initiative would work, but Brownback also announced that he wanted to stabilize state support for higher education.

Bruce Shubert, vice president for administration

and finance at K-State, said that he was glad that the governor did not propose additional cuts to universities' budgets.

"Ideally, we would have supported the Board of Regents' request for additional funding, but when you look how other areas that receive state funding are being affected we can't be too negative," Shubert said. "I think in the context of the state's fiscal condition, the fact that K-state's operating funding is remaining flat is the best we could have expected."

Much of the governor's speech was devoted to emphasizing a smaller government, and Brownback said

that he wanted to eliminate 2,000 unfilled employee positions, and get rid of eight state agencies, as well as the creation of the Office of the Repealer to work with the public and legislators to get rid of outdated laws and regulations.

House Minority Leader Paul Davis, D-Lawrence, said in the Democrats' response to the address that his party does not want to see any essential services cut.

"Democrats want to work with Republicans to see what more we can do to trim government," Davis

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K-State's Ecological Genomics Institute cashing in

Students offered stipend, research experience

Sam Diederich
news editor

K-State students looking for meaningful part-time employment need look no further than the new undergraduate research program being developed by the K-State Ecological Genomics Institute.

Samantha Wisely and Ari Jumpponen, both associate professors of biology, organized the new program after winning a \$750,000 grant from the National Science Foundation. The professors knew immediately that the award would be an opportunity to

DNA samples from Kansas Prairie Chickens wait to be studied in the lab of associate professor **Samantha Wisely**. Wisely and her students are studying how wind turbines might affect prairie chickens and their mating habits.

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lure quality undergraduate students into research labs.

"We're always interested in recruiting good undergraduate students into ecology and evolution programs," Wisely said. "We think that by showing students what an energetic and exciting field this is that they might consider a career in research."

Ecological genomics, a field of study made up of researchers

specializing in biology, plant pathology, and entomology, applies techniques of biomedicine to questions in ecology and evolution in an attempt to better understand the relationships between organisms and

their natural environment.

The field remains mostly undiscovered by students, said Wisely, a trend she hopes to overturn with the grant money. Students who are accepted to the program will receive a

\$15,000 stipend, a prize that has already attracted student applications.

"We have six open slots for the first year and we have already received an equal amount of applications, and we haven't even started marketing this," Jumpponen said. "We have a lot of students interested in this, and it doesn't hurt that we are offering \$15,000 for the position."

Beyond the money, students will gain a year of research experience in a university lab. Jumpponen said he hopes the experience will lay the foundation for future breakthroughs and advances in the field.

"What is the primary function of universities? Training the next generation of sharp,

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A family education

Home schooling provides an opportunity for families to grow together

Jason Strachman Miller
managing editor

For more than 25 years, Kansas's capital city of Topeka has played host to a growing independent Christian home education assistance organization named Cornerstone Family School. What began as one man "haphazardly" overseeing an effort to have greater accountability and support for people looking to home-school their children has grown into an expanding network of more than 75 families.

"Cornerstone is a unique organization among home-school groups because at the time it was setup the environment was much different than it is now," said Kent Vincent, Cornerstone founder. "Cornerstone provides not only opportunities, but accountability for home schooling families and that was the big concern back then."

The Vincent family started home education in the early '80s when it was generally considered to be illegal, said Kent. After multiple court cases rule against home-schoolers Kent and his wife started an organization working with a local Christian school hoping to protect their rights. After a few years of having a satellite school program, they decided to spin off a separate organization.

"The board at the Christian school didn't have time to deal with all the issues we had so we formed our own board and it's been going ever since, 25 years or so," said Vincent.

The Difference

According to a study performed by the National Household Education Survey Program, 1.5 million students were being home-schooled as of spring 2007. Approximately 1.1 million were home-schooled in 2003. The increased numbers are also apparent in Kansas, where some associations maintain a membership of more than 2,000 families. Cornerstone acknowledges their size is quite small in comparison, but the families who have joined enjoy an accountability process lacking in other organizations.

People have to apply and go through an interview process before they may join the association.

"We're also an accountability group," said Lori Brewster, Cornerstone board member. "We track our hours and turn the reports into Cornerstone, just to make sure we're doing what we're supposed to be doing."

The Brewster family joined Cornerstone when their eldest daughter, Kayla, was in eighth grade. Kayla expressed a desire to attend public school because of the ability to participate in extracurricular activities. The family found Cornerstone and agreed to give it a chance for a year; since joining the association none of the kids have brought up public school.

The group also does standardized testing, which is not a requirement of the state. Cornerstone participates in testing, as well as collecting grades twice a year, to go above and beyond state regulations. The decision to keep accountability has been a decision supported by the members themselves. Kent said at one point the group debated

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CITY COMMISSION

Commission to vote on two new fire stations

Danny Davis
senior staff writer

City commissioners will vote tonight on awarding a construction contract for two new fire stations. In March 2008, the commission began looking for design proposals and in July 2008, they formed an agreement with Anderson Knight Architects.

Fire Station no. 3 was estimated by the architects to cost \$2,000,000, while station no. 5 was estimated at \$2,250,000. Station 3 will be located at 2727 Amherst Ave. and Sta-

tion 5 will be at 3900 Vanesta Drive.

Bids came in and were read on Dec. 10, 2010. The lowest bids were \$2,057,000 for Station 3 and \$2,460,000 for Station 5. Murray and Sons Construction Company had a bid for the combined projects of \$4,538,000.

In an agenda memo by Jerry Snyder, fire chief, and Dan Knight and Tracy Anderson, Anderson Knight Architects, the commission is recommended to accept the combined bid from Murray and Sons. The combined bid is

\$21,000 higher than the total of the lowest individual bids, but the memo lists advantages to having a single contractor.

Similar building functionality and having a single point of contact for the projects are listed among the reasons.

The fire stations will be funded by bonds.

An item to renovate Wilson Field in City Park is also on the agenda for the meeting. The primary focus of the renovation would be the installation of synthetic turf for the infield. Replacement of the fencing and backstop would

also be included in the renovation.

Vern Henricks, vice president for institutional advancement at Manhattan Christian College, has proposed that he can raise \$250,000 through fundraising. This would cover half the cost of the renovation.

Funding from the city will come from the issuance of a general obligation fund provided by the Special Park and Recreation Fund.

The commission meets at 7 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall. The meeting is open to the public.

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on how to live a fulfilling life. "You have to keep looking and looking and looking 'til you find the thing that makes you who you are," Willmott said.

Willmott's message emphasized how nonviolence and success can help achieve equality.

"Things do change, things do improve, but they do not improve through violence," Willmott said. "Success is the best form of revenge; it's the best way to fight back. If you get really good at something it makes everything better."

Another idea that Willmott tried to convey to the audience, was that slavery had not ended that long ago. As an example he mentioned a lady he once met who had told him about a man she knew who had taught former slaves how to read.

As a movie producer, Willmott said that he has tried to make movies that deal with racial issues in America. One movie that Willmott discussed



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People walk with candles from the Manhattan High School East Campus to the First Free Methodist Church Saturday night as part of the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration service.

with the audience was set in an alternative history where the Confederacy won the Civil War, and he talked about the negative symbolism inspired by the Confederate movement.

"Why can't we put our flags in museums and say this is what

we believed in when we were crazy?" Willmott asked.

An abstinence drama group, Washington AIDS International Teens, performed break dancing, did a skit on AIDS, and even sang a song in order to celebrate Dr. King.

Clareen O'Connor, junior in family studies and human services and member of the abstinence group, said that she thought the celebration was a good way to involve the community in remembering Dr. King's life and message.

"I think it's a great opportunity to come and share the message of peace through many different means," O'Connor said.

The celebration in the auditorium closed with a prayer by Sydney Carlin, state representative for Manhattan, and with the crowd singing the Civil Rights Movement's anthem, "We Shall Overcome." The crowd then went on a candlelit walk to further remember Dr. King.

Even though there were not enough people to fill the bright yellow seats in the auditorium, Spencer said that the memorial for Dr. King was able to fulfill its purpose.

"I'm impressed with it," Spencer said. "It isn't about numbers, it's about enthusiasm and making things happen."

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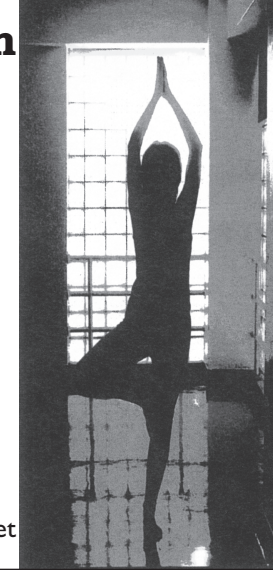
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K-State invited to flight contest

Engineering and aviation students prepare for flight competition

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news editor

As any driven competitor would be, Michael Javier is nervous about his upcoming contest. Dozens of questions buzz around his mind. Will my team compete well? Have we prepared ourselves thoroughly? Will I even be able to get my team onto the field of play?

The last question may be more specific to Javier's brand of sport. This is, after all, the first time a group of K-State students has ever competed at the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International's Seafarer competition in Lexington Park, Maryland. Seeing as it is the school's first attempt at unmanned flight, you'll have to forgive Javier if he has set his sights on a prize a little less prestigious than the \$78,000 in cash rewards.

"Money would be nice," said Javier, senior in engineering technology and president of K-State Salina's Unmanned Aircraft Systems club. "But, seeing as it is our first time going to the competition, it would be nice to just come back with a plane that didn't crash and a better idea of what they are expecting at the competition."

Along with other engineering and aviation students in Salina, Javier will be designing, constructing and programming an unmanned aerial system for the competition this June. If all goes to plan, the team will return to Kansas with a competition experience to build upon for the following year's contest,

but between now and next year comes this June's attempt at unmanned flight, and the team has incurred a number of obstacles during their preparation.

"For starters, it's a really new field," Javier said. "Model aircraft have been around forever, but what we're trying to do is really revolutionary stuff."

At this year's competition, teams will be asked to sweep their plane across a large section of land in search of colored and numbered targets on the ground. When the airplane glides over a target, an on-board camera must immediately take a photograph and transmit the information back to the students on the ground. After the plane's flight path is completed, it must return to the landing strip and gently rejoin itself with the earth.

As if this process wasn't complicated enough, every single maneuver the airplane executes must be planned and automated by the flight team before the plane has even left the ground. Attempting to completely automate an aircraft's flight plan presents new age challenges to the flight team.

"The problem with automating an aircraft is it's hard to adjust things on the fly," Javier said. "Computers are a kind of 'set it and forget it' deal, and if something goes wrong you don't have time to adjust."

Flight automation is not the only challenge, however. Bryan Rogler, senior in mechanical engineering, is one of the students working on the camera function of the aircraft. The camera team's first challenge came in installing the camera.

"The aircraft is about six feet long, maybe two feet tall. We

had to find a place inside the structure to shelter the camera," Rogler said. "We ended up modifying the fuselage component and drilling a hole so that the camera can look out. We had to replace some of the components with carbon fiber to make the plane stronger."

Installing the camera was only the first in a laundry list of challenges for Rogler and his teammates.

"When you are at home, you just plug something in and it works. For us, the next challenge is powering the camera. We also need to get the camera to actually transmit the signal for the photos," Rogler said.

Though the competition is still months away, Troy Harding, associate professor of computer systems engineering technology and the team's adviser, is anxious about the team's readiness.

"From the adviser standpoint I'm pretty nervous. It's our first year and there are a lot of unknowns and the students working on it haven't done this before," Harding said. "They are really getting to the point now where they are starting to get nervous. It's a mix between excitement and apprehension."

No matter the results at this June's competition, Harding knows the experience will pay dividends down the road as students begin to look for full-time employment.

"As this technology becomes more common, they are going to need people to fly and program aircraft," Harding said. "Even students who don't pursue a career in unmanned aircraft systems have something to gain. It's good experience communicating with each other and managing a large project."

BROWNBACK | Governor: budget is \$750 million less than 2010

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said. "We have to acknowledge that we have cut one billion dollars from the state general fund, many state agencies have seen reductions of over 20 percent, we have cut the fat and then some."

Senate Minority Leader Anthony Hensley, D-Topeka, said that the Office of the Repealer was still a mystery to the Democrats.

"I don't know exactly what the Office of the Repealer will involve or what exactly it will do," Hensley said. "It's a very good catchphrase, and I'm sure it sounds good to people, but I'm not real sure what it means to state government and the services that are provided by the state government."

Overall, Brownback said that his proposed budget is \$750 million less than in 2010.

One of the last proposals mentioned by Brownback in the address was a call for legislation that "protects the unborn."

Speaker of the House Mike O'Neal, R-Hutchinson, said that he was excited to have a conservative governor to work with this legislative session, and that he liked the message of the the address.

"It was inspiring, this is the kind of governor I've been waiting on for a long time, somebody who is not going to shy away from the problems, who understands that we have a budget deficit, and knows we are not going to solve the budget deficit by growing



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Sam Brownback, Governor of Kansas, gives his State of the State address on January 12 at the Kansas Statehouse. Brownback has pledged to cut government spending in the upcoming budget.

government, spending more money, raising taxes," O'Neal said. "This is exactly what we and our caucus have been preaching for a long time and now we have a governor who will deliver on those promises."

Rep. Sydney Carlin, D-Manhattan, said she thought the governor was trying to offer bipartisan solutions in his speech.

"I saw him reaching out to try to come to the center on several areas of interest to my community," Carlin said. "I'm not sure he's offering a change, but I think he's talking about it and that's important to Manhattan and to K-State."

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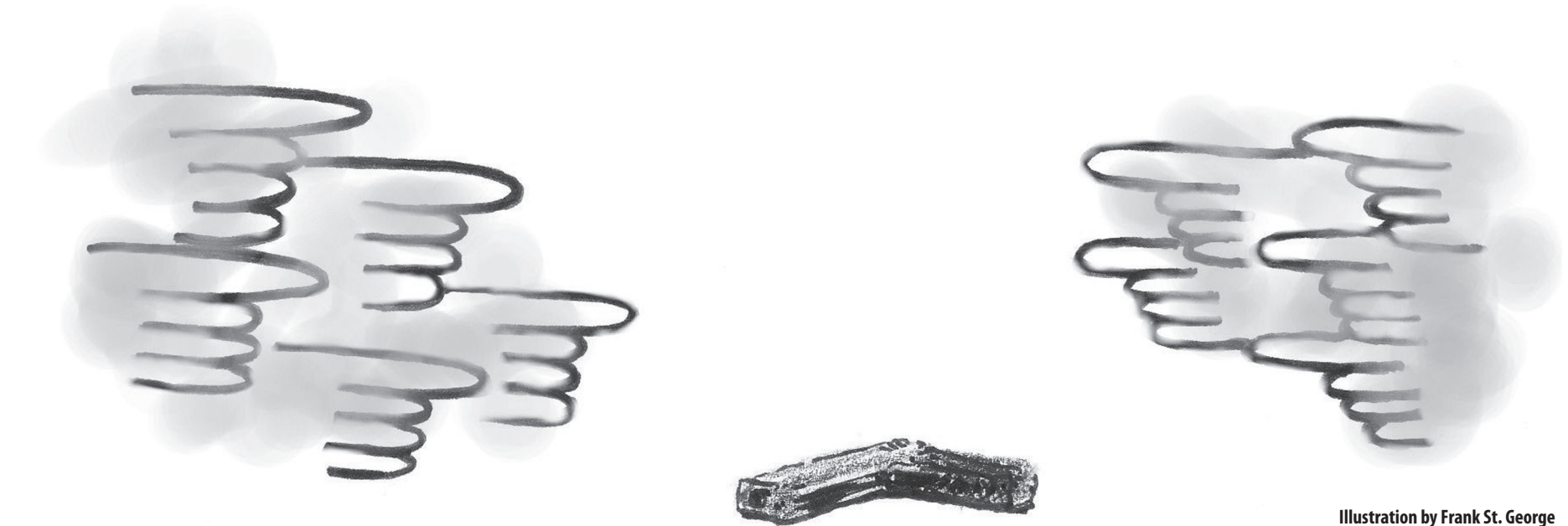


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Giffords shooting misused to push for gun control laws



Danny Davis

The shooting of Representative Gabrielle Giffords, D - Arizona, brought out the finest in speculative finger pointing. People work quickly to accuse everyone from Republicans in general to Sarah Palin. Many assumed the shooter was a Republican and some went so far as to guess that he was mad about socialized healthcare.

Liberals seemed as if they were just waiting for this opportunity to blame Republicans for something. For

that day, Giffords was not a human being, but rather a political object to be used for their gain.

About a week later I was on Facebook reading my newsfeed. It just so happens two of my Facebook friends, one a reporter in another town and the other a fellow student, happen to have commented on a person's wall post. I found it odd that both of these friends were also friends with this other person so I decided to investigate the wall post.

In the post, the man quoted Giffords in one of her interviews talking about Palin's imagery of a gun sight over her district.

That post ignited banter from several people that accumulated 40 comments. In one of these comments, the student felt the need to drag

me into the post by commenting that she thought it was a "whack job Republican" and it reminds her of me, save for the gun part.

So now I'm equated with a "whack job Republican" in a post completely unrelated from anything involving myself. What gets me even more is that I was labeled a Republican. This was not the only time she's labeled me a Republican. It seems she, like many other liberals, fails to grasp the concept of Libertarianism.

I have, in fact, been a registered Libertarian voter and have favored it for more years than I've been of age to vote. The truth is, I've simply been fed up the past decade. Now, it is true I supported Republicans this election, but doing so does not change the fact that I'm

In this time of tragedy, however, people turned on their tunnel vision and let their political ideals dictate their reactions rather than the facts.

Libertarian.

Many people, like my fellow students, would have you believe there are only two parties in this country. Are there two main parties? Yes, but the fact remains there are other parties and

Independent voters.

I merely found it amusing how in the time of tragedy, someone felt the need to bring myself into the equation and, worse, equate myself to a lunatic, minus the gun.

In this time of tragedy, however, people turned on their tunnel vision and let their political ideals dictate their reactions rather than the facts. Did anyone wait for evidence that he was a Republican? No. The only sure evidence so far are accounts from classmates.

Several e-mails from Lynda Sorenson, classmate, to her friends were obtained by The Washington Post and posted in a January 9th article by David A. Fahrenthold. These e-mails from Sorenson indicate that Loughner showed signs of

mental instability.

It is truly sickening that Democrats have abused the tragedy that injured Giffords and killed six, according to a January 8th Arizona Republic article, to make political gains. It has also saddened me to see ill-informed people come out of the ductwork and begin making arrogant accusations.

There is much more to learn from the Tucson shooting than gun control and missed warning signs; we can learn how to handle ourselves after tragedies and make logical arguments based on facts.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Collegian changes, overall goals remain



Tim Schrag

The K-State and Manhattan communities have so many events to cover and stories to tell. The Collegian Staff is committed to covering them both accurately and journalistically. We are more than happy to do this, but we cannot do it alone. We are always looking for new writers and columnists; they keep the newsroom fresh with experience and ideas. Additionally story ideas do not always fall into our laps, if there is something you want covered drop by the newsroom, send story tips, invite us to your meetings and events, send us corrections and give us feedback by writing letters to the editor. We will do our best to look into your suggestions.

Our staff is very diverse, coming from different states, majors and walks of life, but they all carry the passion to inform and entertain our fellow K-Staters. We will work hard to present information in a timely manner, but we are by no means all about hard news. The pages of the collegian offer fun breaks from the monotony of college life.

The Collegian has seen some major changes since I walked into Kedzie Hall as a freshman. We have a different adviser, several different designs and countless editorial goals, but one thing remains exactly the same since the Collegian was first printed in 1896, we are committed to being the student's voice on the K-State campus. We are

undergoing more changes this semester, some are internal and do not directly affect the product readers see daily, but others readers might notice right away, our Opinion and Edge sections will only run three times a week. The Collegian is a business and at the end of the day the bottom line does matter. This was a decision not made lightly, and I personally would prefer this change did not have to occur. I personally think we can use this change to our advantage to be more innovative. We will still have fresh opinion and feature content online, I strongly urge readers to visit www.kstatecollegian.com to see what we have to present.

Our Multimedia team is back and stronger than ever, in addition to various news videos and sports coverage, we will continue to offer segment's like the "The News Buzz," "Meal in a Minute" as well as new content like our newest segment "The Sports Buzz." Last semester we revamped our social networking platforms make sure to start following us on Twitter and friend us on Facebook. We will try to bring you as much exclusive content as we can each day. I think the Collegian should be the first place K-State and Manhattan go for news and updates, which is why we are trying to make our information as accessible as possible.

Ideally, the Collegian should be fresh every time you pick the paper or check our website. That's my goal for the semester. We will be here to inform, entertain and educate. Be ready K-State. I know we are.

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Choices in diet cause obesity, not fast food

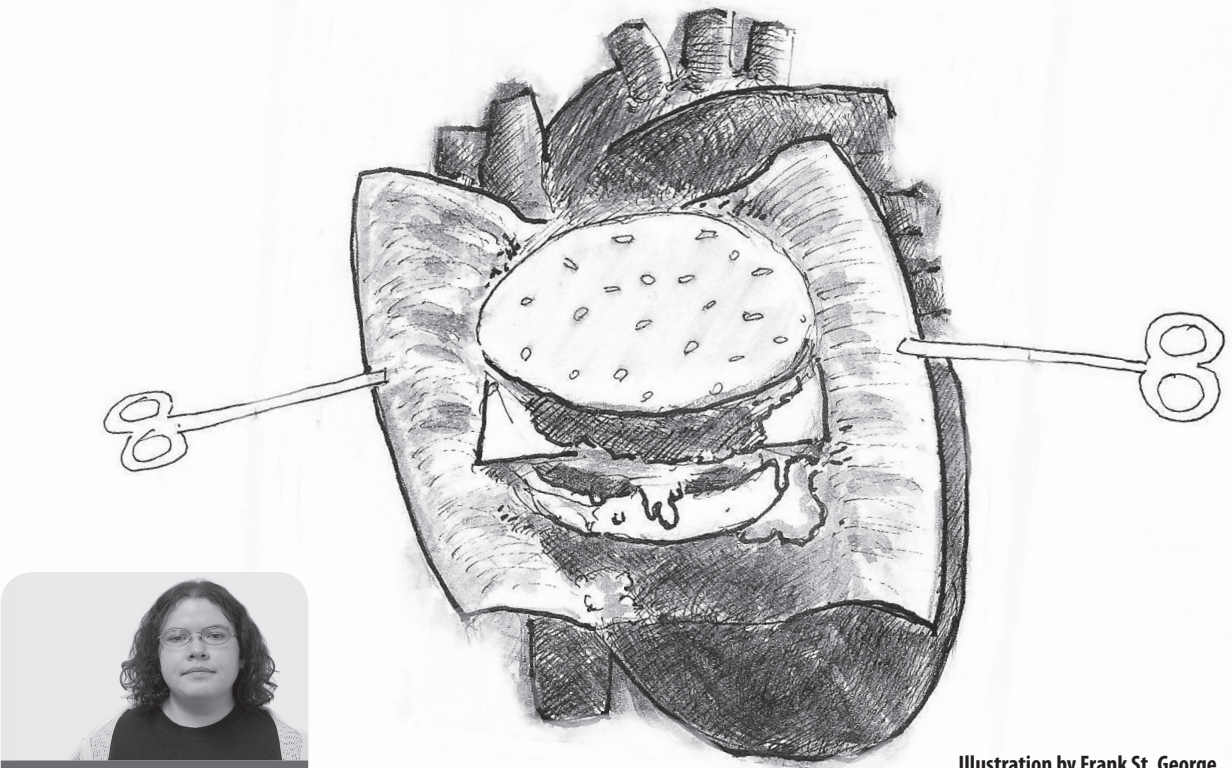
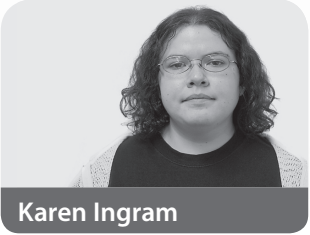


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Karen Ingram

People have been crying foul about fast food for years, blaming it for America's obesity problem. While McDonald's has been adding healthier items to their menu here in America and pumping out commercials encouraging an active lifestyle, they've decided to go all out on gluttony in Japan.

According to a Jan. 12 Wall Street Journal article "Beefing up McDonald's," the Japan branch of the mega fast food chain is launching a series of limited edition burgers in their aptly named "Big America 2" campaign this month. These burgers, with names like "Idaho" and "Miami," range anywhere from 542 to 713 calories apiece. What does that translate to? Well, the "Texas 2" is 645 calories, which is slightly more than the caloric content of 12 Oreo cookies. That's a lot, and that's not even going into other unhealthy aspects of it, such as the fat

and sodium content.

While I am personally grossed out by the idea of eating something like that, I'm amazed at all the comments and criticisms on the web from people who are terrified at the inevitable fat fate Japan faces because of evil companies like McDonald's. Japan is in better shape than America, health-wise. In 2004, the same year that Morgan Spurlock's documentary "Super Size Me" was released, the World Health Organization stated that 23 percent of Japanese citizens were overweight. That's less than a quarter of the population. Compared to America, where 67 percent of the population was rated overweight in 2006, Japan is doing just fine. Their obesity rate is increasing, but it's still nothing compared to America's waistlines.

Critics should bear one thing in mind, though, before they start screaming bloody

murder about McDonald's again: It doesn't matter how many fruit bowls and salads you put on the menu. People don't go to fast food restaurants to eat healthy, they go to get a big, greasy heart attack with a side order of gravy. Because it's yummy and oh-so cheap.

We Americans love our freedom, and one of those freedoms we throw around as much as our weight is the freedom to make personal choices. In 2004, nearly a quarter of McDonald's customers here in America visited the restaurant three to five times a week, according to Spurlock's documentary "Super Size Me." Do you think any of them noticed or cared when they added oatmeal to the menu? I doubt it.

Nobody in their right mind believes for a second that eating fast food is good for you, and the Japanese are very smart people, so I'm sure

they are well aware of this fact. People who claim McDonald's in Japan is playing on the Japanese love for limited time offers have obviously never seen the hordes of ravenous people right here in the States every time the McRib makes an appearance.

There's no trickery involved here, people. The choices we make in our diet are no more confusing to us than they are in Japan. If they choose to eat fish and rice and keep a slender figure, that is their decision. If they wish to gorge on deep fried burgers and fries, they will get fat and that is also their decision. Just like it is yours. Bear this in mind next time you are trying to decide what Dollar Menu items to get after class. A bag of frozen veggies is less than 2 bucks and would last you longer.

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Wildcat's attitude change here to stay?



This team is serious about getting back on track, but whether this newfound attitude sustains itself throughout the season or turns into wins is still unseen.

It started when K-State entered the court on Saturday without a tunnel dance. While I love the tunnel dance and I'm always in support of college kids having fun, discarding the choreographed jig was needed. After back-to-back opening losses against Oklahoma State and Colorado, this team seemed to be in complete disarray. Fans hung on to the glimmering hope of Curtis Kelly's return.

So, when Kelly traded in his velour warm up suit for a jersey, fans waited anxiously to see how the team and Kelly would perform. Kelly returned emphatically. After a slug-gish start, the senior forward showed his offensive prowess on a thunderous dunk. The injection of Kelly into the lineup was just what the doctor ordered.

But Kelly's return is not the be-all end-all. Other players have to buy into Martin and his system. It's a system that thrives on hard-nosed defense and coach's admiration. On the sidelines against Tech, Martin encouraged instead of admonished.

There was a different feeling about K-State basketball. There were no more blown leads, no more scoring droughts. K-State basketball was back to being fun. It was about Bramlage Coliseum showing signs of once again becoming the Octagon of Doom. This needed win overshadowed the departure of junior center Freddy Asprilla. Honestly, it's about time off-court distractions were left off the court. It's stunning what intense practice and reflecting can do for a team in desperate need of an identity.

Instead of tweaking, Martin went back to what worked. He did not worry about his offense, or his defense. He just rolled the ball out there and let the guys play.

Lastly, Kelly and junior forward Jamar Samuels deleted their Twitter accounts. It shows that these men are serious about working hard and making the most of this season. This team is not ready to throw the towel in.

This team was just a badly bruised prizefighter in good need of a pep talk. This regained intensity may have been a good team beating up on a really bad team. As games against Texas A&M, Baylor and Kansas loom, we will see how serious this team is about returning to the NCAA tournament.

A similar four-game stretch last year turned the Wildcats into media darlings. We will have to wait and see what awaits this year's team. All I know is that this K-State team will not leave the ring without a little fight. The season now rests on the shoulders of K-State's two seniors.

So, Frank, it's time to just roll the ball out there 13 more times and see how badly Pullen, Kelly and company really want it. This season has been about second chances. This team just got one in the form of Kelly.

A lack of leadership has killed this team so far, but it may just be the thing that saves the season.

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ROAD WOES

K-State suffers set back in loss to Missouri

Tyler Scott
staff writer

Head coach Frank Martin's assumption on Mizzou Arena was correct as the Tiger's home court was obnoxious and deafening. The hostile environment highly affected K-State as the Wildcats could not get the job done and fell 75-59 to Missouri. K-State is now 13-6 overall and 1-3 in the Big 12, while the Tigers are 16-3 overall and 2-2 in the conference.

Freshman guard Shane Southwell made his second consecutive start, while the post included junior forward Jamar Samuels and senior forward Curtis Kelly. As the season moves on the team will keep trying to find a set rotation together for future conference games.

K-State jumped out to an early four-point lead after Missouri committed three turnovers in its first four possessions. However, Missouri was able to claw back and score six straight points to take an early 6-4 lead.

The game was close midway through the first half, but the Tigers found a way to make a run and led the game 21-15 with nine minutes left, forcing head coach Frank Martin to call a timeout. Mizzou Arena was not a pleasant scene for K-State as the team did not look in sync and the ball handling issues continued.

The first half did not end well for the team, which trailed 43-28 going into the locker room. Missouri's Phil Pressey was the leading scorer at the half with 10, while senior guard Jacob Pullen was held to seven points. K-State was just 1 of 6 from beyond the arc and 10 of 24 from the field for a total of 41 percent.

The second half opened up with an alley-oop basket from Southwell to Kelly. Pullen added two free throws and freshman guard Will Spradling knocked down a corner 3-pointer to cap off a 7-0 K-State run that narrowed the deficit to eight points.

Pressy did not start the second half, but once he entered the game, Missouri went on another run of its own extending the lead to more than 10 once again.

"It's always nice if your guards can score," Missouri head coach Mike Anderson said. "(Pressy) made crisp passes offensively and it seemed like he was always nagging their guards."

With less than 12 minutes left in the first half, K-State was in a bit of a rhythm as sophomore center Jordan Henriquez-Roberts was fouled and converted his second 3-point play from the line. He finished the game with a career-high 14 points on a perfect 5 of 5 shooting. K-State trailed Missouri 53-48 with 10 minutes left and the game would stay tight for the next three minutes.

Fouls became a problem late in the game for K-State as Southwell fouled out and Kelly had four



Matt Binter | Collegian

K-State men's basketball coach **Frank Martin** reacts to a play in the second half of K-State's game against Colorado Thursday evening in Bramlage Coliseum.

fouls with three minutes left in the game. The Wildcats trailed Missouri 70-59 when Missouri lost Kim English after he picked up his fifth foul.

In the end, Missouri never looked back as it was able to hold off an upset bid. K-State finished 3 of 16

from beyond the arc and with an uncharacteristic 23-8 turnover-to-assist ratio.

"We had bad turnovers," Martin said. "It's not like we were aggressive, it was just lackadaisical travels forced plays trying to go one-on-one, lazy passes and cuts."

Pullen finished with 16 points, while the Tigers had five players finish in double figures led by Marcus Denmon's 14 points.

K-State will travel to College Station, Texas to take on the Aggies of Texas A&M on Jan. 22. Tipoff is scheduled for 1 p.m.

Asprilla goes pro, helps mother

Ashley Dunkak
staff writer

Two games removed from a contest in which four Wildcat forwards fouled out, K-State has lost one of them for good. Before the action in Bramlage began on Saturday against Texas Tech, K-State released an announcement that junior forward Freddy Asprilla had left the team.

"After discussions with Freddy, we have come to a mutual decision that we feel is in his best interest," Martin stated in the release. "I expect him to explore professional playing opportunities in his home country. We appreciate his efforts this season and wish him the best of luck in the future."

Other than that official statement, Martin's only other comment on the 6-feet-10-inch, 280-pound Asprilla was that he found out the junior was leaving just the night before the game.

On Friday night, the K-State players endured a singularly difficult practice; what senior forward Curtis Kelly called the toughest practice he's ever been through.

"I think that was just the start-

up point because he wanted to draw the line, see who was with us and who was not, and whoever stuck it out was going to be with us, and whoever didn't, he wasn't going to depend on no more," Kelly said. "And as you can see, Freddy's not with us no more. He's one guy that Frank just drew the line on."

Kelly said he thought Asprilla was a great guy, a great player for them and they would miss him. He added that some guys can't handle Martin.

"They can't handle the way he demands," Kelly said. "He wants the best out of you every time, and even though you may not be able to give it to him every time, he still wants you to try, and I think Freddy failed at that, unfortunately."

The Kansas City Star quoted Asprilla's former Amateur Athletic Union coach, Art Alvarez, as saying Asprilla was "sacrificing his collegiate career" to turn pro to help his ill mother.

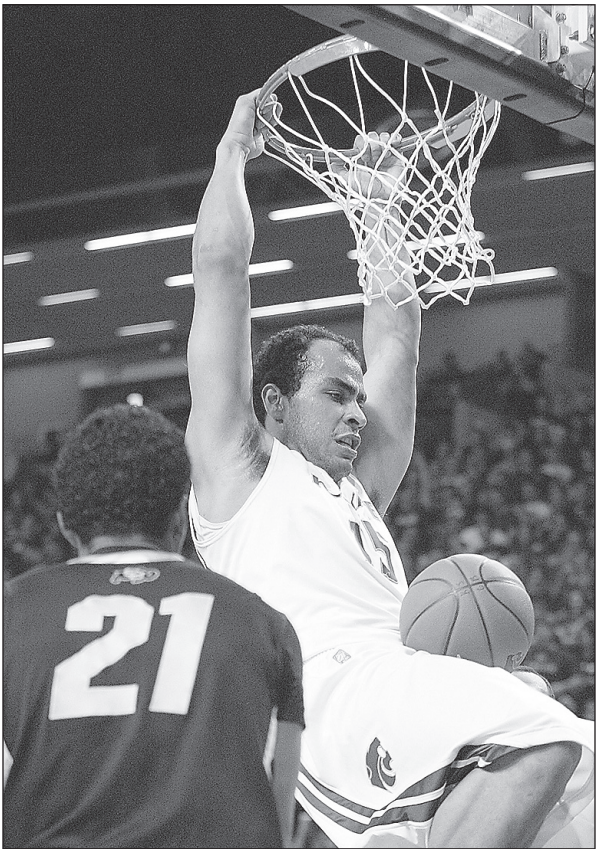
Asprilla, who is originally from Villavicencio, Colombia, had lost approximately 40 pounds before the season after transferring to K-State from Florida International. He was averaging less than five points

and five rebounds per game.

After the game against Emporia State, Martin said that Asprilla was a very talented offensive player but that one of his challenges was learning to defend the way K-State does. On his earlier teams, Asprilla had always played zone, assigned to stand in the middle of the zone and stay there.

Martin said that meant he was accustomed to conserving energy on the defensive end to be able to use it on the offensive end. However, the coach said then that Asprilla was starting to understand the defensive concepts better.


Asprilla began his collegiate career at Florida International but elected to transfer after his freshman year when Isiah Thomas replaced the coach to whom he had originally committed. Because Thomas did not give Asprilla an official release from his scholarship there, Asprilla could not play for another Division I school, so he transferred to Miami Dade College. He played five games with that team, then transferred to Cloud Community College in Concordia, Kan., to take classes there before arriving at K-State.



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K-State forward **Freddy Asprilla** (15) dunks during the first half against Colorado in Bramlage Coliseum, Jan 12. The Cats lost to Colorado 66-74.

K-State Athletic Schedule: Jan 18 - 23

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		Women's basketball vs. Missouri, 7 p.m. at Bramlage Coliseum		Tennis vs. New Mexico, 5 p.m. at Body First Tennis and Fitness Center	Men's basketball at Texas A&M, 1 p.m. in College Station, Texas	Tennis vs. Drake, Noon at Body First Tennis and Fitness Center
					Women's basketball vs. Nebraska, 1 p.m. at Bramlage Coliseum	
					Track and field at Wildcat Invitational, all day at Ahearn Field House	

HOMESCHOOL | Home education comparable to public experience

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removing the record keeping requirements, but many families enjoy having the extra peace of mind. This stems from the inadequate protection of homeschoolers.

Currently, the requirements for home education are to register as a non-accredited private school. The school must to be taught by a competent teacher, but there is no definition of competent. "The law reads they have to be in school for substantially equivalent to number of hours or days which equates to 186 days of school," said Brewster.

Additionally the household must register with the state education department as a home-school.

No one has been stopped from home schooling since 1983, said Kent. While some states have stricter regulations than Kansas, Kent said he doesn't believe their results are any better.

"If you go to court here you don't have safe harbor like in other states," Kent said. "So there is an incentive to do the best job you can."

The Advantages

The same laws that haunt home schooling families also contribute to their enjoyment of in-home education.

"Training begins from the time they wake up until they go to bed," said Christy. "I think it gives a lot more time for building relationships if you choose to."

School isn't limited to a classroom setting in the home. Families can take trips to museums or participate in extracurricular athletic activities, all in the name of class credit. Families are also afforded control over their children's grade placement.

"Each family decides what grade their kids are in," said Brewster. "My kids have never been in all one grade material at the same time."

Brewster said teaching her kids allows her to cater specifically to each child for each subject.

Schoolwork aside, many families choose to join the Cornerstone family because of the extracurricular activities. Cornerstone conducted a survey in 2008 to ask why people were joining and the results were split

between the access to sports and the fine arts.

"Accountability and testing was a small part of it," said Brewster. "There was a lot of different reasons people had for joining, but the biggest was the extracurricular activities."

Cornerstone Family School's sports teams, the Saints, compete with public and private schools in a variety of sports ranging from soccer and basketball to track and field. Students can even letter in sports offering a similar experience to their traditional school counterparts.

Brewster's eldest son, Keaton, is currently in seventh grade, but would be in sixth grade in a public school because of his age. Keaton plays basketball for the junior high Saints.

"It's tough, but it's a lot of fun," Keaton said.

Another plus of home schooling is the flexibility of the class schedule. The Brewster family took a vacation in the middle of September this year to avoid the vacationing masses.

"We avoided the tourist times and the crowds from tourists in the summer," said Brewster. "We worked our lives and our vacation around school or school around our lives and vacation, whichever way you want to look at it."

The Curriculum

All the families sit under the umbrella of Cornerstone, but that is a loose connection – each family has the ability to conduct their curriculum as they choose.

"For me, I don't use one particular curriculum, we pick and choose based on what I think will be good for my kids," said Brewster. "The grades aren't important, it's about the learning."

Instead of grading assignments and moving on, Brewster goes over everything her children miss until they understand it. Brewster maintains a planner for each of her children and updates it each week.

With 11 children, the Vincent family had six children in school at the same time. Christy credits the ability to manage so many different subjects to strict scheduling and great children.

"As they get into high school there were opportunities to take classes outside the home and



Above: Keaton Brewster, seventh grade, practices playing his guitar in the living room in between subjects. Brewster says he enjoys being able to pick what order he does his school work in.

Right: Lori Brewster (right) sharpens a pencil for her son, **Levi**, during class at the kitchen table. Lori has been teaching her four children at home for 13 years.

Photos by Stephanie Carr | Collegian

get them to branch out into the things they were interested in," said Christy. "You know when you've done it this long, it's just a way of life and you know what resources you like and what resources and people you can use."

The home education movement has grown so much since the beginning, Kent said, it is easy to be overwhelmed by the curriculum choices.

"It's grown so much, you can use the Internet now and there's so much you can use inside the home you don't have to go outside the home for things," said Christy.

Kent said regardless of the growth of curriculum choices, the struggle of motivating kids



has remained the same.

The Challenges

As one would imagine, schooling at home can become a difficult environment for children and the teacher. At a time when the average attention span of a child seems to be measured in seconds, how can families keep focus on the content being taught rather than on all the comforts and distractions of home?

"It's very frustrating some days because you're the parent and the teacher," said Brewster.

"There's good days and there's bad days and kids don't always want to cooperate, whether it's doing chores or doing their schoolwork"

When the teacher is mom, competing for attention and assistance quickly becomes personal.

"It's kind of crazy," said Keaton. "Usually I try to get my mom's attention and find out what I can do by myself so she can work with my brother."

Keaton and his brother, Levi, are in the same history class, but

all other courses are tailored specifically to each of them.

Another problem can be over-committing to groups and extracurricular activities. Brewster said since all the extracurricular activities are outside the home, a lot of time must be spent driving to and from the events, practices, etc.

"Trying to keep up with the housework sometimes can be challenging," Brewster said. "The schoolwork is first priority."

The Socializing

As the topic of socialization comes up, the home educator faces glaze over as they prepare to walk a well-trodden path. Socialization is a constant "go-to" for those questioning the legitimacy of the home education movement.

"There is what is called a peer dependence, which is where kids pick up their norms and standards from their peers - which ain't always good," said Kent. "What we try and sell is that we're trying to co-locate those values from adult to child instead of peer to peer."

The Vincents say there is much more socialization from the Internet alone then ever before, and stress it is not always good.

"The social relational testing that they did back in the '80s and '90s, the home-schooled kids were better socialized than their traditional school counterparts," Kent said. "On the whole, there's always going to be exceptions."

Christy attributes this to the role of adults in the children's lives.

Kent said the kids gain better socialization skills because the absence of age segregation allows for more of an opportunity to be around kids of other ages.

"All of our kids had no problem adjusting to the places we went or the people they were with," said Christy.

The families in Cornerstone have found a way to balance their desire to teach their children while also offering a comparable experience to public schools.

"Our kids are some of our best friends," said Kent. "This decision has been good for our family to spend the time together and grow together."

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Community art show honors King, concept ‘color doesn’t matter’



Jonathan Knight | Collegian

Julius Neumann, 5, and his dad **Titus**, take in a piece of artwork Monday in a room of the Beach Art Museum. The open house allowed children and adults to see the sights, sounds and opportunities the museum has to offer throughout the year. The open house was given, in part, to celebrate Martin Luther King Day.

Children color in Warhol art show at Museum

Elizabeth Long
Junior Staff Writer

The Beach Museum of Art hosted an Andy Warhol art show Monday titled “Do it Yourself Series” honoring Martin Luther King Jr. Children from the Manhattan community were invited to color pictures of King in the same way Warhol created his own art.

“Andy Warhol was so interest-

ed in people and individuality,” said Katherine Walker Schlageck, senior educator for the museum. “Art is so often about identity. This was a great chance for us to do that same thing and our project works with the same idea.”

Schlageck said the museum started a Warhol show two years ago that always tied in a theme, and this year the day of the show fell perfectly on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

“I think this event was really important because the main concept is color doesn’t matter,” said Claren O’Connor, junior in

family studies and human services and volunteer for the museum. “The crazier the colors the better, most people don’t look at the art that way.”

Many students attended the art show and a few volunteered to work the event.

“I really love how the college students get a chance to volunteer and we can get them involved in what we’re doing here at the museum,” Schlageck said.

Warhol, famous for the term “15 minutes of fame” and the art movement known as pop art, was inspired to create his “Do it

Yourself Series” by his nephew’s paint-by-number kit. He originally poked fun at this type of

“As a mom I like them to be exposed to different things in the community, and this was extra special”

Brandy Veatch
event participant

art because he thought it stopped artists from being original, but

after he chose his own colors, Warhol let his nephew add them to the numbers randomly, and completed the painting.

“As a mom I like them to be exposed to different things in the community, and this was extra special,” Brandy Veatch, a participant at the event, said.

The children also got their own pictures taken and colored them any way they wanted, going along with the overall concept of the art show: color doesn’t matter.

“I think it’s important for my kids to look at why it’s so impor-

tant they are off school and understand what the day is really about,” Molly Rapp, a visitor at the museum, said.

The museum was also collecting canned goods for the Flint Hills Breadbasket and had pictures of canned goods children could color, tying in the theme of one of Warhol’s most famous pictures of a soup can.

“I think the big thing here is that the museum is a community organization, and anytime we have the chance to serve the community, we take it,” Schlageck said.

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Mural, books damaged by leak

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Hale Library's Great Room along with the academic learning center and the juvenile literature collection were exposed to a large amount of moisture last Thursday.

Lori Goetsch, dean of K-State Libraries, said the areas were exposed to a water leak after a water line on the roof froze and then broke, causing water to cascade into the areas.

"The damage to collections was fortunately pretty minimal and came into our children's lit-

erature collection," Goetsch said. "Our staff came in quickly and got that covered."

Goetsch said she believes most of the books will be salvaged because the staff was able to set them out to dry fairly quickly after the incident.

Hale closed for the remainder of Thursday.

Roberta Johnson, K-State Libraries senior director of administration and IT Services, said facilities called in a restoration company to respond and remove water from the building that afternoon.

One of four murals in the

Great Room also experienced some damage as a result of the incident.

"That's maybe one of the more unfortunate areas of damage, the murals have been in the process of restoration over the past couple years," Goetsch said.

Goetsch also said K-State Libraries has plans to build a mural protection system should another leak occur.

"We were really hoping to get that system in place before we had something like this happen and unfortunately timing worked against us," Goetsch said.

GENOMICS | Faculty, students benefit from research experience

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free thinkers that will influence our future," Jumpponen said. "We set up this program to make students as good as they can be and to prepare them for the next step."

Wisely agreed, and added that the experience would also allow students to take part in a function of universities that is not often witnessed by undergraduates.

"Certainly for anyone going to graduate school it's important to do research," Wisely said. "I think it gives you a sense of what the other purpose of a university is. A lot of people think it is a place just for education, but it's also a place where vibrant research takes place."

Faculty members in the institute will also reap the ben-

efits of having students in the research labs.

"There are 13 faculty members that are involved in this program and each one will have an opportunity to have an undergraduate researcher for free," Wisely said. "Anytime you have anybody doing active research in your lab it improves the greater good of the lab."

The effects of the program will also be felt outside of the institute. Research programs, especially those involving students, line up with the goals of K-State 2025; President Kirk Schulz's plan to make K-State a top 50 research university by the year 2025.

"It can serve as a recruitment tool to the students. The more we engage students in the research enterprise, the faster we can move towards

the goals of 2025," said Ron Trewyn, vice president for research. "This is really what separates a research university from other universities. You are actually involved in discovering new knowledge and not just learning what other people have discovered."

No matter the effects on K-State's research endeavors, Wisely is confident the program will produce tangible results.

"In the end, we will have trained an amazing group of undergraduates that will have an understanding of what research is," Wisely said. "They will get a better foothold on taking the next step after completing their undergraduate degrees, and labs will be provided with an infusion of money and enthusiastic researchers."



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